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STUDY

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1. DANISH PERMREP SVART SAID HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO
BREAK SILENCE ON APPROVAL OF THE EAST-WEST STUDY BECAUSE,
OWING TO AN OVERSIGHT, HIS GOVERNMENT HAD FAILED TO
ASK FOR THE DELETION OF A PHRASE IN PARA 105COF THE STUDY.
THE PARA DEALS WITH OBSTACLES TO THE SPREAD OF SOVIET
INFLUENCE AND THE PHRASE WHICH CONCERNED THE DANES REFER-
RED TO THE "PRESENCE OF MILITARY FORCES" AS ONE OF THE
FACTORS INHIBITING EXTENSION OF SOVIET INFLUENCE IN THE
THIRD WORLD. SVART SAID THE DANISH EFFORT AT DELETION
WAS NOT RELATED TO ZAIRE BUT WAS RELATED TO STRONG DANISH
VIEWS CONCERNING NONINTERFERENCE IN THIRD WORLD AREAS.

2. FRENCH CHARGE JESSEL SAID THE TIMING OF THE DANISH
SUGGESTION WAS UNFORTUNATE, THAT THE PARA IN QUESTION WAS
ONLY DESCRIPTIVE AND NOT PRESCRIPTIVE, BUT CONCLUDED THAT
PERHAPS A CHANGE IN LANGUAGE RATHER THAN A DELETION COULD
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MEET DANISH CONCERNS. THE CHARGE NOTED THAT THE DANISH
EFFORT AT DELETION MIGHT APPEAR AIMED AT US FORCES IN
SUCH AREAS AS THE INDIAN OCEAN, SOUTH KOREA AND PANAMA.
HE SAID HE TRUSTED THE DANES DID NOT HAVE THIS IN MIND
AND HOPED APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE COULD BE DEVELOPED. OTHER
PERMREPS SUPPORTED THE FRENCH AND US POSITIONS.

3. PERMREPS CONCLUDED THAT PARA 105C SHOULD BE CHANGED
TO READ "CONTINUED WESTERN DEVELOPMENT AID AND ALL FORMS
OF SUPPORT IN THE THIRD WORLD INHIBIT THE EXTENSION OF
SOVIET INFLUENCE."

4. WE STRONGLY URGE WASHINGTON ACCEPTANCE OF THIS CHANGE,
PARTICULARLY GIVEN SHORT TIME BETWEEN NOW AND SUMMIT.
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